

BILL: F2015 – SR7
TITLE: Pass/D/Fail
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Whereas the Pass/D/Fail option is expiring December 31st, 2015,

Whereas the ability to take a class Pass/D/Fail and exploration is central to the idea of a liberal arts education,

Whereas Middlebury College would students to practice an “ethic of everyday diversity” by encouraging students to take classes from a diverse range of classes,

Whereas no explicitly negative effects of the pass/d/policy were reported by Faculty Council and presented at the November 6th faculty plenary meeting,

Whereas the current deadline to invoke Pass/D/Fail is three weeks after the start of the semester,

Whereas the current deadline to revoke Pass/D/Fail is five weeks after the start of the semester,

Whereas the Middlebury College Trustees and the Middlebury College administration have demonstrated a commitment to tackling student academic stress,

Whereas many professors do not return significant graded coursework to their students in the first three to five weeks of class to invoke or revoke the option of pass/d/fail,

Whereas for many students the option to drop a class between weeks three and week five poses unnecessary financial hardship due to the loss of a credit and Middlebury has expressed a commitment to an everyday ethic of inclusivity,

Be it resolved...

That the SGA strongly recommends to the Faculty that Pass/D/Fail be reinstated without a sunset clause starting January 1, 2016 and that the deadline to invoke Pass/D/Fail Option be extended by five weeks to the eighth week of the semester, and the deadline to revoke be extended by seventh weeks to the twelfth week of the semester.

Respectfully Submitted,

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